

or be required to serve less than the normal period in grade for promotion to the next higher rank. No particular problem appeared in connection with officers of classes other than A-V(N). They would of course lose the retirement benefits in case of disability or death in line of duty, which accrue to personnel on active duty under certain circumstances. In the case of A-V(N) officers they would lose the bonus which accrues ^{also} for continuous service under the law.

4. Most of the discussion pertained to status of enlisted men of the Regular Navy of long service who might desire to complete the service requirements for transfer to the Fleet Reserve after 20 years' service. It was agreed that such personnel could be reenlisted in their former ratings and serve out the remainder of their active duty required to complete 20 years. In other words, their service with C.A.M.CO. would be time lost but would not prevent their transfer to the Fleet Reserve after a total of 20 years' active naval service. Captain Briggs stated that the Department could legally reenlist such personnel, even though seriously physically disabled by accident or otherwise during the period of this civilian employment.

5. It was agreed that none of the requests would be handled by mail in the usual way, but that in all cases representatives of the C.A.M.CO. or naval officers would act as courier messengers to bring to the Navy Department the requests for release and separation from the Service, and to vouch for their authenticity.

6. It was my understanding that the original quotas of service personnel to be released for this purpose would be 100 officer pilots and 200 skilled aviation enlisted men, distributed approximately one-third to be furnished by the Navy and two-thirds by the Army. Up to this date, the Navy has released 23 A-V(N) officers for this purpose, and no Regular Navy officers. It is understood that the Marine Corps has released 3 marine reserve aviators. I do not know how many enlisted men have been released by the Navy or Naval Reserve.

7. I have at no time seen anything in writing regarding this program.

8. It is my understanding from Captain Beatty that there is a strong likelihood that the numbers of pilots and enlisted men directed to be released at their own requests for this purpose may be increased three or fourfold.

Respectfully,


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